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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

October 13, 2006

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's October 25th public Board Meeting will be held in Sacramento at the State Capitol Building, Senate Hearing Room 112, with an additional telephonic location in the United Kingdom at Lair Close Law Lane, Shaw Mills Harrogate, North Yorkshire, UK. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.**

Authority staff will be presenting an overview of the Statements of Qualifications received on the Program Management work, as well as the selection of the firm for board approval. Also the staff will be presenting an overview of the proposals received on the Visual Simulation work, as well as the selection of the firm for board approval.

At the September 27th is public board meeting the Authority authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Transportation Authority. Additionally, the board approved the selection of Infrastructure Management Group, Inc./Lehman Brothers for the preparation of a detailed financing plan.

On September 23rd the Authority released Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for the Preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental work for the following corridors: Fresno – Palmdale, Palmdale – Los Angeles, and Los Angeles – Orange County. Release of the Sacramento – Fresno and the Los Angeles – San Diego (via Inland Empire) will be released in early November. You can obtain copies of the RFQs on the Authority website.

For information on all of the Authority's work visit the Authority's website located at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director